



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

Matthew Kenney, 40, was sentenced for receiving and distributing child pornography. The Honorable Laurie Smith Camp sentenced Kennedy to a 96 month term of imprisonment. After his release from prison he will begin a five year term of supervised release.

Kennedy used a peer-to-peer file sharing program to download and share images of child pornography. On July 1, 2010, investigators with Homeland Security Investigation served a search warrant at Kennedy's Omaha home. Forensic analysis recovered 24 videos and an additional 52 images all involving child pornography. The videos included prepubescent children, some restrained in bondage, and multiple images of prepubescent minors engaging in sexual activity with adults.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov).

**Name of Defendant:** Matthew Kennedy

**AKA:**

**Age:** 40

**City of residence:** Omaha, Nebraska

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Receipt and distribution of child pornography, 5-

20yrs, \$250,000 fine, 5 years to life of supervised release and \$100 special assessment

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Omaha, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest:** Omaha, Nebraska

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:**

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:**

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** On and before the 1st day of July, 2010

**Federal Arrest Date:** September 22, 2010

**Date Complaint Issued:** N/A

**Indictment Returned Date:** August 18, 2010

**Initial Appearance Date:** September 22, 2010

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** Plea guilty on November 15, 2010

**Sentencing Date:** February 17, 2011

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** N/A

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** Thomas D. Thalken

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** Released from Custody

**In Continuous Custody Since:** N/A

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Laurie Smith Camp

**Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release:** MPN